

## **Attachment 1: Letters of Support**

- US Senator Alex Padilla
- US Members of Congress Barbara Lee and Eric Swalwell
- California State Senator Nancy Skinner
- California Assemblymember Liz Ortega
- California Department of Transportation
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- City of Oakland Department of Transportation
- City of San Leandro
- BART
- AC Transit
- Transform
- Bike East Bay

January 18, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Alameda CTC RAISE Application – East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support of the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application requesting \$25 million for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements for 10.6 miles along streets parallel and intersecting with Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that travel between the Lake Merritt and Bay Fair BART stations while helping meet local, state, and federal goals to improve transportation safety.

It is my understanding that the East Bay Greenway will provide a bikeway "spine" that connects neighborhood residents to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high-injury network. The project will also improve healthy and affordable mobility options in areas that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates.

I urge your full and fair consideration of Alameda CTC's application consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please keep my office informed of the status of this application, and if I can be of further assistance, please contact my Deputy State Director, Daniel Chen, at (650) 533-2207. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



ALEX PADILLA  
United States Senator

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of  
Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

According to the Alameda County Transportation Commission, the East Bay Greenway will provide an all ages and abilities bikeway “spine” that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers.

This project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in RAISE funds which will be matched with state and local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

We encourage you to give this application full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable law and regulations.

Sincerely,



Barbara Lee  
Member of Congress



Eric Swalwell  
Member of Congress

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February 8, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Support for Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and will complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses, between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station, while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety.

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For these reasons, I request that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's RAISE grant application request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Nancy Skinner  
State Senator, District 9

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February 14, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Support for Rebuilding America’s Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)  
Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The East Bay Greenway will provide a bikeway “spine” for all ages and abilities that connects neighborhoods to destinations of need including transit, commercial districts, affordable housing, community colleges, regional open spaces, schools, social services, parks, hospitals, and job centers. The project will provide significant safety benefits for vulnerable bicyclists and pedestrians along streets that have been identified as part of the countywide high injury network. The project will also provide healthy and affordable mobility options in communities that are identified as regional equity priority communities and have low levels of access to automobiles and high asthma rates. Alameda CTC is requesting \$25 million in RAISE funds, which will be matched with state and local transportation funds to fully fund the \$121 million project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. For any questions, please call my office at (916) 319-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Ortega". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

LIZ ORTEGA  
Assemblymember, 20th District

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February 20, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) 2023 competitive grant program for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project – North Segment Project (Project).

Alameda CTC is seeking \$25 million in RAISE grant funding for construction. The Project, located along the Bay Area Rapid Transit corridor in Oakland and San Leandro, California, will improve multimodal access to key activity centers in regionally identified disadvantaged communities, many of which have faced a legacy of redlining and environmental justice impacts from past transportation infrastructure projects. The Project will provide an active transportation corridor, along with urban greening and beautification, that meets community mobility needs. It will also address State and regional climate change goals by promoting a mode shift to biking, walking, and transit.

The Project is consistent with Caltrans' priorities of delivering transportation projects that promote multimodal, reduce vehicle miles traveled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air pollutants, and increase equity and access to historically disadvantaged and neglected communities. The Project will also transform East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, part of State Route 185, from an auto-centric highway design to a complete street with safe and attractive accommodations for all modes.

Caltrans would like to thank the USDOT for its consideration of this Project.

Sincerely,

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TONY TAVARES  
Director



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February 20, 2023

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The Honorable Peter Buttigieg  
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Support for Alameda County Transportation Commission Application to RAISE Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county Bay Area. Our current long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and regional Sustainable Communities Strategy, Plan Bay Area 2050, was adopted in October 2021.

MTC submits this letter of support for the application for FY 2023 RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant funding submitted by the Alameda County Transportation Commission for the *East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project – North Segment*. The project will construct approximately 10 miles of complete street improvements including Class I shared use paths, Class IV protected bikeways, neighborhood Class III routes, protected intersection treatments, pedestrian crossing safety and accessibility improvements, bus stop enhancements to improve speed and passenger comfort, and placemaking features such as benches, pedestrian scale lighting, and landscaping. This project supports the implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050 by creating healthy and safe streets, part of the Plan's strategy to meet transportation needs by building a Complete Streets network.

If you have any questions regarding our support for this project, please contact me at 415-778-6772 or Mark Dedrick, MTC's Washington Representative, at 202-494-3618.

Sincerely,

Theresa Romell  
Section Director, Funding Policy and Programs

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# City of Oakland | Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the City of Oakland, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety, economic competitiveness, climate resilience, and community connectivity.

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The City of Oakland requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's RAISE grant application request.

Sincerely,

1/11/23

Craig Raphael  
Funding Program Manager, City of Oakland Department of Transportation



# City of San Leandro

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January 27, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject:** Support for Rebuilding America’s Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,


As Mayor of San Leandro, I write to express the City of San Leandro’s support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission’s (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project.

If awarded funding, the project will provide safer roads and transportation corridors through creation of a dedicated regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety, economic competitiveness, climate resilience, and community connectivity.

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For these reasons, I respectfully request that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC’s RAISE grant application.

Sincerely,



Juan González III  
Mayor, City of San Leandro

Juan González III, Mayor

City Council:

Victor Aguilar, Jr.

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February 6, 2023

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
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RE: BART Support for RAISE Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the BART line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant access benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt and Bay Fair BART stations, while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety, economic competitiveness, climate resilience, and community connectivity.

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BART appreciates the USDOT's consideration of Alameda CTC's RAISE grant application.

Sincerely,

Rob Jaques  
Manager, Grants & Funding Advocacy

cc: Carolyn Clevenger, ACTC  
Matthew Bomberg, ACTC  
Tim Chan, BART



Service Development Department  
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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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**Re: Support for Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of AC Transit, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety, economic competitiveness, climate resilience, and community connectivity.

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AC Transit requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's RAISE grant application request.

Sincerely,

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Robert del Rosario  
Director of Service Development & Planning



2/9/2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of TransForm, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety, economic competitiveness, climate resilience, and community connectivity.

TransForm promotes walkable communities with excellent transportation choices to connect people of all incomes to opportunity, make California affordable, and help solve our climate crisis. With diverse partners we engage communities in planning, run innovative programs, and win policy change at the local, regional, and state levels. We often facilitate community engagement with East Oakland residents and we know firsthand that biking near East Oakland BART stations is simply dangerous. This new bikeway will promote equitably and low-emission travel options for some of the Bay Area's most marginalized residents.

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TransForm requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's RAISE grant application request.

Sincerely,

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Amy Thomson

Transportation Policy and Programs Manager



January 11, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Application for East Bay Greenway Multimodal Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of Bike East Bay, I am writing to express support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's (Alameda CTC) RAISE grant application for the East Bay Greenway Multimodal – North Segment project. The project will construct a regional trail bikeway facility and complete street improvements along streets parallel and connecting to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) line through the Cities of Oakland and San Leandro, spanning 10.6 miles. The project will provide significant benefits to the communities that it traverses between the Lake Merritt BART station and the Bay Fair BART station while helping to meet local, state, and national goals to improve transportation safety, economic competitiveness, climate resilience, and community connectivity.

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Bike East Bay requests that the USDOT approve Alameda CTC's RAISE grant application request.

Sincerely,

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Robert Prinz  
Advocacy Director  
Bike East Bay